

Claim 1 (Amended.) A fibrous layer for personal care products comprising micro-fine fibers deposited as an aqueous slurry onto a nonwoven web that is inherently wettable or treated to be hydrophilic, and subsequently dried.

Claim 2 (Amended.) The fibrous layer for personal care products of claim 1 wherein said micro-fine fibers have an average diameter to 0.5 microns.

Please add the following new claims:

12. The fibrous layer of claim 1 wherein said deposited microfine fibers have a negative charge.
13. The fibrous layer of claim 4 wherein said deposited microfine fibers have a negative charge.
14. The fibrous layer of claim 1 wherein said deposited microfine fibers are wettable.
15. The fibrous layer of claim 4 wherein said deposited microfine fibers are wettable.

Remarks

Claims 1-15 are presented for Examiner Pratt's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants have reviewed the specification in response to Examiner Pratt's objection with respect to trademark usage. The foregoing amendments to the specification are intended to be fully responsive to this objection. If further amendments are considered to be required, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner point out the location in the specification for such additional changes.

The above amendments to claims 1, 2 and 4 are intended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which applicants regard as their invention. Newly added claims 12 through 15 are directed to preferred embodiments described and supported in applicants' specification, for example, at page 7, lines 1-5. No issue of new matter, therefore, is believed to result from the amendments.

By way of the Office Action mailed 3-Oct-2002, Examiner Pratt rejected claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject